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PRICES OF FOOD ITEMS IN TRAINS AND STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has increased the prices of the food and snacks items being sold at stations and in trains ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for imposing additional burden on the passengers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c) : The tariff of catering services in Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express trains have not been revised since 1999. The tariff of standard meals, breakfast, tea/coffee sold in other Mail/Express trains and static catering units, was last revised in 2003. Service tax payable to the General Exchequer, has been levied on the catering charges of Rajdhani/Shatabdi and other Mail/Express trains in 2006. Tariff of a-la-carte food items sold in trains and at major stations, is decided by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). Rates of these have been marginally rationalized by IRCTC in July 2006.